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World Forestry Day (160305)

Australian foresters will celebrate World Forestry Day on March 21 with a great deal of pride and satisfaction. Australia has some of the best managed forests in the world, and according to the Institute of Foresters of Australia this advantage has not come about by chance. The Institute represents the majority of forestry professionals in Australia.

“The quality and stability of our national forest estate is primarily due to the professional diligence of Australia’s foresters” said Institute President Ian Barnes. “I am especially proud of those in the early 1900’s who recognised the need to establish the permanent public forest estate, those of the 1950’s who grappled with the post war boom in timber demand, and those of the 1990’s who could accommodate the dramatic change in public attitude toward the values we obtain from our forests.”

“Today, Australia enjoys a stable public forest estate managed in most cases under the stability of a Regional Forest Agreement, an exciting private plantation resource expanding to meet booming international markets, substantial investment in timber industry development, and over 1200 well trained and experienced forestry professionals the envy of most other countries” he said.

“People will always need the products of forests. Even to just have forests is a real attribute some people of the world have not been able to afford. Australia is one of the lucky ones and on March 21 all Australians can join with Institute members and celebrate their forest blessings” said Mr Barnes.

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